

B) Remarks:

It is clearly spelled out in the present specification under the detailed description of the invention beginning on page 3 that once the system of the present invention is engaged, it is done so “irreversibly” (see lines 19 and 20). The engagement is “irreversible” (see page 5 at line 3). It is thus a principal object of the present invention to provide an anti-hijacking system which is absolutely fail-safe. See the next to last line on page 4 of the specification.

The fail-safe system of the present invention excludes even the possible use of personal identification verification or pin numbers as it is obvious that personnel having such personal identification verification information can be coerced into divulging this information thereby permitting hijackers, or assistants thereof, to thwart the anti-hijacking system.

In fact, the prior art references of Byrd et al. and Craig do not recognize this objective. Note the referenced portions indicated by the Examiner in both of these references. In lines 46 through 49, in column 14 of Byrd et al. it is indicated that “. . . the system of the invention cannot be disabled by anyone that does not have the legitimate owner’s identification number.” In lines 28 through 30, in column 10 of Craig, it is indicated that the system is uninterruptible “except through use of a person identification verifier”. Accordingly, both of these references teach contrary to the teachings and objectives of the present invention as claimed.

In order to more specifically define claim 3 over the cited art, Applicant has therefore amended claim 3 to indicate that the system cannot be shut off or interrupted “, even with personal identification verification.”. Accordingly, the teachings of Craig and Byrd et al. are even contradictory or contrary to the teachings and objects of the present invention.

Accordingly, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance and that claim 3 should also be allowed. Favorable reconsideration with formal notice of allowance of all claims pending is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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